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# New Jersey's FARM FACTS

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**New Jersey Spring Vegetables:** 2007 growing seasons started later than normal due to colder temperatures in early spring. Top soil moistures were adequate. The prospective area for harvest of selected fresh market vegetables (cabbage, head lettuce, and snap beans) is forecast at 3,300 acres for the spring quarter, up 400 acres from last year. Prospective planting acres for processing vegetables (snap beans, green peas, and sweet corn) are 3,300 acres compared with 3,900 acres last year; down 600 acres in 2006. The contracted acres were not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

### New Jersey Spring Vegetables - Selected Crops

Crop	Harvested		Planted for Harvest
	2005	2006	2007
<i>Acres</i>			
Cabbage	1,000	1,000	1,200
Head Lettuce	DNP	300	300
Snap Beans	1,600	1,600	1,800

**New Jersey 2006 Summer Potatoes Revisions:** The final estimate of 2006 summer potato crop production is 600,000 cwt, compared with 536,000 cwt in 2005, up 12 percent. Harvested area covered 2,500 acres, up 400 acres from 2005. The average yield of 240 cwt per acre is down 15 cwt from the 2005 yield of 255 cwt.

### States 2006 Summer Potato Revisions:

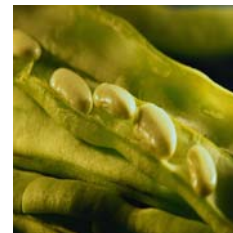
The final estimate of 2006 summer potato crop production is 18.4 million cwt, up 4 percent from the 2005 crop. Harvested area covered 54,300 acres, up 6 percent from 2005. The average yield of 338 cwt per acre compare with 342 cwt per acre in 2005.

### United States Spring Vegetables:

- Spring Season Fresh Market Vegetables Down 3 Percent
- Processed Vegetable Contracted Acreage Virtually Unchanged
- Onion Acreage Down 5 Percent

The prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the spring quarter is forecast at 200,700 acres, down 3 percent from last year. Acreage declines for snap beans, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, head lettuce, bell peppers, sweet corn, and tomatoes more than offset acreage increases for broccoli and cucumbers. Melon acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 73,900, down 2 percent from last year. Watermelon acreage is down 1 percent from 2006 while cantaloupe acreage declined 4 percent from a year ago. Honeydew melon acreage increased 2 percent from 2006. Asparagus area for spring harvest is forecast at 42,000 acres, down 6 percent from last year. Strawberry area for harvest is forecast at 45,000 acres, virtually unchanged from a year ago.

Processors expect to contract 1.20 million acres of the 5 major processed vegetable crops in the U.S. this year, virtually unchanged from last year. Total planted onion area for all seasons in 2007 is forecast at 166,800 acres, down 5 percent from last year.



**New Jersey Quarterly Milk Production:** January-March 2007 Quarterly Milk Production for New Jersey was 43 million pounds, down 10.4 percent from the January-March period last year.

**United States Quarterly Milk Production:** : Milk production in the U.S. during the January-March 2007 quarter totaled 46 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from the January-March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows during the January-March 2007 quarter was 10,500 head, down 1,000 head from the January-March 2006 quarter.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the January-March 2007 quarter was 9.13 million head, up 36,000 head from the same period last year.

**Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States and the United States, Preliminary January-March, 2005-2006**

State	January-March Milk Cows 1/		January-March Milk Production 2/		Change From 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
Delaware	7	7	32.2	30	-6.8
Maryland	67	60	290	268	-7.6
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-10.4</b>
New York	646	628	3,034	2,964	-2.3
Pennsylvania	556	549	2,723	2,663	-2.2
United States	9,092	9,128	45,547	45,999	1.0

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.  
2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**New Jersey Egg and Turkey Production, Price, and Value**

New Jersey produced 446 million eggs in 2006 compared to 491 million produced the previous year. The value of 2006 egg production was \$20.3 million, up slightly from \$20.2 million produced in 2005.

New Jersey producers raised 33,000 turkeys in 2006, down 3,000 turkeys raised from the previous year. The value of turkeys raised was \$842,000, up 24 percent from \$678,000 generated from turkey sales in 2005.

**Egg Production, Price, and Value: Selected States and United States, 2005-2006 1/ 2/**

State	Egg Production		Price Per Dozen		Value of Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Million		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Maryland	798	733	0.467	0.490	31,069	29,907
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>0.494</b>	<b>0.545</b>	<b>20,206</b>	<b>20,267</b>
New York	1,129	1,126	0.369	0.421	34,671	39,476
Pennsylvania	6,608	6,687	0.389	0.428	214,188	238,351
United States	90,027	90,877	0.540	0.579	4,049,293	4,387,528

1/ Estimates cover the 12 month period Dec 1, previous year through Nov 30.  
2/ Includes hatching and market (table) eggs.

**Turkey Production, Price, and Value: Selected States and United States, 2005-2006**

State	Number Raised 1/		Pounds Produced		Price Per Pound 2/		Value of Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Maryland	780	730	14,976	25,550	0.470	0.490	7,039	12,520
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>1.190</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>842</b>
New York	620	630	14,012	14,868	0.460	0.490	6,446	7,285
Pennsylvania	10,500	10,500	206,850	195,300	0.490	0.540	101,357	105,462
United States	252,053	261,960	7,095,977	7,417,935	0.449	0.479	3,182,767	3,551,127

1/ Based on turkeys placed the 12 month period September 1, previous year through August 31, current year. Excludes turkeys lost.  
2/ Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania prices are actual live weight prices. Pennsylvania prices are equivalent live weight returns to producers.

**New Jersey and United States Cattle and Calves: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition, 2006 1/**

State	Inventory Jan 1, 2006	Calf Crop	Inshipments	Marketings 2/		Farm Slaughter 3/	Deaths		Inventory Jan 1, 2007
				Cattle	Calves	Cattle & Calves	Cattle	Calves	
1,000 Head									
NJ	42.0	14.0	1.1	8.0	8.6	0.5	1.0	1.0	38.0
US	96,701.5	37,566.7	21,026.8	45,001.4	8,984.3	187.0	1,784.5	2,334.9	97,002.9

1/ Balance sheet estimates by state; the sum of inventory January 1, 2006, calf crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory January 1, 2007.

2/ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the state.

3/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

**New Jersey and United States Cattle and Calves: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition, 2005, Revised 1/**

State	Inventory Jan 1, 2005	Calf Crop	Inshipments	Marketings 2/		Farm Slaughter 3/	Deaths		Inventory Jan 1, 2006
				Cattle	Calves	Cattle & Calves	Cattle	Calves	
1,000 Head									
NJ	44.0	14.0	0.5	6.2	7.8	0.5	1.0	1.0	42.0
US	95,438.0	37,575.0	20,763.2	43,876.0	8,958.3	188.3	1,717.7	2,334.5	96,701.5

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**New Jersey and United States Hogs and Pigs: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition, 2006 1/**

State	Inventory Dec 1, 2005	Pig Crop	Inshipments	Marketings 2/	Farm Slaughter 3/	Deaths	Inventory Dec 1, 2006
		Dec - Nov					
1,000 Head							
NJ	9.0	3.8	19.0	23.3	1.0	0.5	7.0
US	61,448.9	105,259.2	35,625.0	131,664.9	105.7	8,414.1	62,148.5

1/ Balance sheet estimates by state; the sum of inventory December 1, 2005, pig crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory December 1, 2006.

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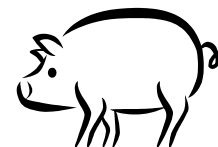
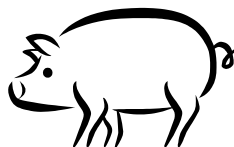
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State	Inventory Dec 1, 2004	Pig Crop	Inshipments	Marketings 2/	Farm Slaughter 3/	Deaths	Inventory Dec 1, 2005
		Dec - Nov					
1,000 Head							
NJ	11.0	2.8	19.0	22.4	1.0	0.4	9.0
US	60,974.5	103,965.1	33,416.2	129,042.0	107.6	7,757.4	61,448.9

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### April Farm Prices Received Index Up 0.7 Percent From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April 2007, at 135, based on 1990-92=100, is 0.7 percent above the March Index. The Crop Index is down 0.7 percent, but the Livestock Index increased 2.4 percent. Producers received higher commodity prices for onions, tomatoes, milk and cattle. Lower prices were received for lettuce, corn, strawberries and eggs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of cattle, milk, oranges and strawberries offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat and hogs.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 22.0 percent from April 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 137, is 1.5 percent above last month and up 22.0 percent from April 2006.

### Prices Paid Index Up

The April Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 157 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1.3 percent from March 2007 and 6.1 percent above April 2006. Higher prices in April 2007 for field crop seeds, feeder cattle, diesel fuel and gasoline more than offset lower prices for feeder pigs, feed grains, complete feeds and feed supplements.

### Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Apr 2006	Mar 2007	Apr 2007
-- Dollars --			
<b>Field Crops</b>			
Barley, per bushel	2.65	3.10	3.29
Corn, per bushel	2.11	3.43	3.20
Hay, all, baled, per ton <sup>1/</sup>	105.00	117.00	124.00
Soybeans, per bushel	5.52	6.95	6.81
<b>Fruit, fresh</b>			
Apples, per lb <sup>2/</sup>	.193	.284	.284
Strawberries, per cwt	61.10	89.20	63.60
<b>Vegetables, fresh</b>			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	27.20	30.60	32.00
Lettuce, per cwt	22.40	29.70	18.50
Tomatoes, per cwt	34.40	28.80	43.30
<b>Livestock and Livestock Products</b>			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	84.80	92.00	94.60
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	89.20	97.70	100.00
Cows, per cwt <sup>3/</sup>	48.40	47.20	48.80
Calves, per cwt	137.00	124.00	126.00
Broilers, live, per lb <sup>4/</sup>	.350	.500	.500
Eggs, all, per dozen <sup>1/</sup>	.512	.828	.723
Milk, all, per cwt <sup>5/ 6/</sup>	12.10	15.60	16.40

<sup>1/</sup> Mid-month price.

<sup>2/</sup> Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, and NY (apples only), and WA (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

<sup>3/</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

<sup>4/</sup> Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. Includes growers and contractors.

<sup>5/</sup> Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

<sup>6/</sup> April 2007 fat test percent: all milk 3.68, fluid milk 3.67 and mfg grade 3.96.



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